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A massive tornado can be seen outside of Wichita, Kan., on Sunday. Greg Johnson, a Saskatchewan-based storm chaser, says the tornado is part of the same storm system that caused death and destruction in Moore, Okla., on Monday. GREG JOHNSON/CONTRIBUTED

Prairie storm chaser tracks U.S. tempest

What lies ahead. Southern plains on high alert as violent storm system barrels through

MORGAN MODJESKI
Metro in Saskatoon

A prairie storm-chaser said he was close by when a mile-wide tornado touched down in Moore, Okla., Monday and continues to track the storm blamed for the deaths of at least 24 people.

Saskatoon's Greg Johnson said he left the Moore suburb 20 minutes before the tornado hit.

"The reality is this wasn't just an event for Moore. Today is the fourth day of a storm system that has rolled through the southern plains — Moore was the latest one," said Johnson.

"The day before, however, the city of Shawnee, Okla., took a direct hit as well and there were fatalities — an entire community was destroyed."

Johnson is currently chasing the storm system through Texas and said people are hyper-aware about the dangers. A number of them have stopped his team, looking for updates.

"Everywhere we go people know that we're storm chasers … (and) people want to know what's happening. They want to share their stories, they want us to either put them in a state of relaxation, that there's nothing to worry about, or let them know if there is something to worry about."

Johnson said he and his storm-chasing teammates, Chris Chittick and Ricky Forbes, would be returning to Moore over the next week or so to do further research.

MORE COVERAGE OF THE DEVASTATION IN OKLAHOMA, PAGE 4

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City hall. Fifth person named to police board

The city's ground search for a fifth appointee to the Winnipeg Police Board has ended in success, after a previous candidate withdrew his name in March.

On Wednesday, the mayor's powerful executive policy committee is expected to pass the list of five members, the latest addition being Manitoba businessman David Kearn, president of Best Sleep Centre.

The other four are Coun. Scott Fielding (St. James-Brooklands), chair of the protection and community services committee and recommended to be the chair of the Police Board; Coun. Thomas Steen (Elmwood-East Kildonan); lawyer Paul Edwards; and Mary Jane Loustel, chair of Economic Development Winnipeg and a board director with the Aboriginal Human Resources Council.

Fielding said in March that businessman Glenn Karr, president of Superblinds and Draperies, took his name out of the running.

The Winnipeg Police Board, which was created under the provincial Police Services Act, has caused friction between the municipal and Manitoba governments.

This year, a potential provincial nominee raised concerns over the Winnipeg Police Service doing the background checks on those nominated to the board that will oversee it.

In a city press release issued last Friday, Fielding announced a compromise that will allow a third-party enforcement agency, such as the RCMP, to complete the background checks.

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Fatal plunge

An 18-year-old man died on Tuesday after his car ended up in a retention pond near the corner of Pembina Highway and Dalhousie Drive shortly before 7 a.m. A section of Dalhousie Drive was blocked to traffic for most of the morning while the police dive team investigated and eventually pulled the car from the pond. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Impaired drivers. RCMP release stats from National Road Safety Week

Manitoba RCMP caught 43 people driving impaired during National Road Safety Week this year, down slightly from the same time last year.

Last year, 50 impaired drivers were busted during the campaign, which sees RCMP set up Checkstops around the province in an effort to curb speeding and high-risk driving.

This year, the campaign ran from May 13 to 20 and saw 16 drivers placed on alcohol-related suspensions, 746 caught speeding, 68 busted without seatbelts and 26 fined for using a cellphone while driving. METRO

Carnage on the highways

3

Three people died in accidents on Manitoba highways during this year's campaign, up from just one last year.

Car-share co-op expands fleet and territory

New wheels. Increased presence made possible through individual investors

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Peg City Car Co-op has doubled the number of vehicles in its fleet and is expanding into four new central Winnipeg neighbourhoods.

The city's only car-sharing co-op bought the four new rides with $66,000 raised by the sale of investment shares through the province's Community Enterprise Tax Credit program.

"The expansion has been made possible by more than 65 individuals who chose to support a local co-op," Shoni Litinsky, president of Peg City's board of directors, said at the unveiling of the cars on Tuesday. "With the support of the car-share vehicle, more Winnipeggers will be able to bike, walk, bus and, sometimes, drive."

A month shy of its second anniversary, Peg City has grown to include 140 members, and Litinsky said having eight cars brings the co-op closer to its goal of 11 cars and 350 members by the end of next year.

The new cars mean the co-op can build on its current locations at the Legislative Building, South Osborne and Osborne Village and expand into West Broadway, the Corydon Village, the University of Winnipeg and farther downtown.

"We envision car co-op programs being used by many residents choosing to live, work and play in our downtown," Downtown Winnipeg BIZ spokesperson Jason Syvixay said. "We hope car-share programs become a staple in any new residential development."

Learn more

- For more information on the car-sharing program or to become a member, go to pegcitycarcoop.ca.

Shoni Litinsky of Peg City Car Co-op shows off one of four new fuel-efficient car-sharing vehicles unveiled on Tuesday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Rescue efforts wind down in suburb torn asunder by tornado

Death toll lowered to 24. Early chaos led to initial report of 51 dead

Austin Brock holds cat Tutti shortly after the animal was retrieved on Tuesday from the rubble of Brock's home, which was demolished a day earlier when a tornado moved through Moore, Okla. BRENNAN LINSLEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rescue workers neared the end of the search for survivors and the dead in the Oklahoma City suburb where a rare and powerful tornado claimed 24 lives. Residents of Moore began returning home, some of them finding empty lots cleared down to bare red earth in place of their homes.

Scientists concluded the twister was an EF5 on the enhanced Fujita scale, the most powerful type of twister, capable of lifting reinforced buildings off the ground.

After nearly 24 hours of searching, Moore's fire chief said he was confident there were no more bodies or survivors in the rubble.

"I'm 98 per cent sure," Gary Bird told reporters on Tuesday.

Emergency crews had trouble navigating devastated neighbourhoods because there were no street signs left. Some used smartphones or GPS devices to guide them.

The death toll was revised downward from 51 after the state medical examiner said some victims may have been counted twice in the confusion.

By Tuesday afternoon, every damaged home in Moore had been searched at least once, Bird said. His goal was to conduct three searches of each building, just to be certain.

The fire chief was hopeful that could be completed by nightfall, but efforts were being hampered by heavy rain.

Survivors emerged with harrowing accounts of the storm's wrath, which many endured as they shielded loved ones.

Chelsie McCumber grabbed her two-year-old son, wrapped him in jackets and covered him with a mattress before they squeezed into a coat closet. McCumber sang to her child when he complained it was getting hot inside the small space.

"I told him we're going to play tent in the closet," she said, beginning to cry.

"I just felt air so I knew the roof was gone," she said Tuesday, standing under the sky where her roof should have been. The home was littered with wet grey insulation and all of their belongings.

"When I got out, it was worse than I thought," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

School shelters

Plaza Towers Elementary, where seven children were killed, and another damaged school did not have storm shelters or safe rooms, said a member of the Department of Emergency Management.

- More than 100 schools in the state have safe rooms, but he added a shelter would not necessarily have saved more lives.

In pictures

1 Devastation. Communities gone
The tornado flattened entire neighbourhoods, landing a direct blow on a school. STEVE GOOCH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 Deliverance. President on alert
U.S. President Barack Obama is instructing his team to get victims what they need "right away."
PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 Decree. Intensity measured
The National Weather Service gave the tornado the top-of-the-scale rating of EF-5 for wind speed, breadth and severity of damage. STEVE GOOCH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 Defiance. In the face of nature
Jim Stubblefield, of Norman, Okla., raises a tattered flag on Tuesday. Estimates from several meteorologists on the energy released by the tornado ranged from eight to more than 600 times the power of the Hiroshima bomb.
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Not silent: Wynne, Trudeau

T.O. mayor silent on 'crack video'

Embattled Toronto Mayor Rob Ford stayed silent for a fourth day Tuesday amid allegations a drug dealer had recorded him smoking crack cocaine and making homophobic and racist comments.

As the scandal swirled around the mayor, others were less reticent.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau decried Ford's alleged use of an anti-gay slur against him. "It's a sentiment that a huge number of Canadians ... find reprehensible and unacceptable."

Premier Kathleen Wynne expressed concern over the ongoing firestorm. "It's concerning to me if there are issues ... that get in the way of a government, a municipal government, being able to work in the best interest of the city," Wynne said when pressed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford sits during a city council meeting Tuesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Will donate hair, recycle

Arias pleads for life

Jodi Arias asked jurors to give her life in prison, arguing she "lacked perspective" when she told a reporter after she was convicted of murder that she preferred execution to spending the rest of her days in jail. She said she planned to use her time in prison to bring about positive changes.
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Catchin' the capuchin

Bieber's monkey becomes Germany's

Justin Bieber's pet monkey is now the property of Germany. Mally was seized by German customs March 28 when Bieber failed to produce required vaccination and import papers for the animal after landing in Munich for a European tour. Bieber has six weeks to contest the decision if he wants to do so.
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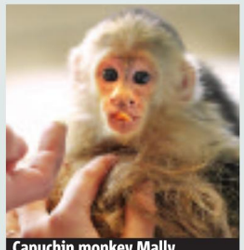

Capuchin monkey Mally THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Those seeking to benefit from public office should leave: PM

Conservative caucus. Some observers have painted Duffy crisis as the most serious test the Tories have faced since 2011's majority win

A "very upset" Prime Minister Stephen Harper tried to settle down a scandal-rattled Conservative caucus Tuesday with talk of accountability and Senate reform, but shed no new light on the $90,000 transaction that cost him his chief of staff.

Conservative MPs and senators heading into Tuesday's caucus meeting had hoped Harper would provide more facts behind the growing scandal that forced his right-hand man, Nigel Wright, to resign over the weekend.

But if Harper's speech — opened up on this occasion to the media, a rarity — was any indication, they didn't get much.

"I don't think any of you are going to be very surprised to hear that I am not happy," Harper said in his first public comments since revelations last week that Wright wrote a personal cheque worth $90,000 to embattled Sen. Mike Duffy.

"I'm very upset about the conduct we have witnessed, the conduct of some parliamentarians and the conduct of my own office."

Harper didn't go into detail, however, about just how involved he or his office was in helping Duffy repay living expenses he shouldn't have claimed in the first place.

Nor did he go any farther behind closed doors; sources told The Canadian Press that while MPs pressed for more details during the meeting on his office's role in bailing out Duffy, they didn't get any.

The matter is in the hands of the federal ethics commissioner and the Senate ethics officer, who can be trusted to sort things out, many suggested.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks to his caucus on Parliament Hill on Tuesday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"Anyone who wants to use public office for their own benefit should make other plans, or better yet, leave this room."
Prime Minister Stephen Harper

"If these people have done what has been speculated that they have done, they should be fired." Quebec Sen. Jacques Demers

"Until the prime minister ... assumes responsibility and answers the questions that are outstanding, we will not have the kind of accountability that Canadians have every right to expect."
Ralph Goodale, deputy leader of the Liberals

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Johns wanted for human-trafficking fight

Study. Researcher says sex-buyers can play a crucial role in assisting victims

A University of Victoria researcher is seeking Canadians who pay for sex for a nationwide study. He's hoping to replace assumptions about johns with data and learn how to enlist sex-buyers in the fight against human trafficking.

Chris Atchison says he hopes the Sex, Safety and Security study will uncover the factors that go into a safe, conflict-free encounter and lead to a better understanding of human trafficking — the sale, forced transportation and slavery of people — and how to stop it.

"It seems to me that the front lines of that offensive has to include the people who purchase sexual services, because they're in the clear position to be able to report it," he said.

Atchison says a current trial in Ottawa regarding an alleged teenage prostitution ring makes it clear how important it is to develop a more accurate understanding of the people who pay for sex.

The trial includes the testimony of "clients" who, according to the Crown, offered some help to victims when they discovered the teens were being pimped out against their will.

Atchison says johns aren't without morals. He says assuming all sex-buyers enjoy paying for sex with a trafficked person who is suffering abuse would mean all johns are sociopathic.

It's those kinds of assumptions that deter johns from reaching out to police to help a trafficked person, he says.

"If they're already labelled and stigmatized as being evil, perverted ... how likely would it be that they would step forward and report abuse?"

JESSICA SMITH/METRO IN TORONTO

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"The front lines of that offensive has to include the people who purchase sexual services, because they're in the clear position to be able to report it."

Researcher Chris Atchison on the battle against human trafficking.

Face-chewing victim goes public

In this undated photo provided by the Jackson Health System, Ronald Poppo, a homeless man whose face was mostly chewed off in a bizarre attack last year in Miami, plays the guitar in his room at Jackson Memorial Perdue Medical Center in Cutler Bay, Fla. The attack left Poppo blind, but doctors say he's been working with an occupational therapist to learn how to take care of himself.

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Study. 'Suicide contagion' spreads among teens after schoolmate's death

Teens who had a schoolmate die by suicide are more likely to consider or attempt taking their own lives than those who haven't lost a peer to suicide — and the fallout can be longer lasting than once thought, a study suggests.

That effect, known as "suicide contagion," can last two years or longer, researchers reported Tuesday in the Canadian Medical Association Journal.

The findings are based on 1998-2007 data from a biennial Statistics Canada survey of more than 22,000 children aged 12 to 17 across the country.

Researchers found that the suicide of a schoolmate magnifies the risk of suicidality for adolescents, even if they didn't personally know the young person who died.

"One of the questions they were asked was: 'Have you seriously considered attempting suicide in the last year?'" said senior author Ian Colman, Canada Research Chair in Mental Health Epidemiology at the University of Ottawa.

"And that's a pretty serious indication of suicidal thinking. These aren't casual thoughts."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Firearms safety. Wireless controller lets gun owners disable weapons via phone

A high-tech startup is wading into the gun control debate with a wireless controller that would allow gun owners to know when their weapon is being moved — and disable it remotely.

The technology, but not an actual gun, was demonstrated Tuesday at a wireless technology conference in Las Vegas. It comes at a time when U.S. lawmakers are considering contentious smart gun laws that would require new guns to include high-tech devices that limit who can fire them.

The new Yardarm Technologies LLC system would trigger an alarm on an owner's cellphone if a gun is moved, and the owner could then hit a button to activate the safety and disable the weapon. New guns would come with a microchip on the body and antennas winding around the grip. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Yardarm Safety First technology lets gun owners disable their weapons wirelessly, offering more control over who can fire them. YARDARM TECHNOLOGIES

Publishing. Ebook sales are levelling off, report finds

Kobo and Kindle have grown to become familiar brands in Canada but ebook sales now appear to be plateauing, suggests a report by the industry organization BookNet Canada.

Based on surveys with 4,000 book-buying consumers, BookNet Canada pegged paperback sales in 2012 at about 58 per cent of the market, while hardcovers accounted for 24 per cent and ebook sales made up 15 per cent.

BookNet Canada president and CEO Noah Genner says early sales data from this year shows ebook sales are steady and no longer growing. The report also found most consumers still preferred to buy their books in stores rather than shopping online. THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

15%

Ebook sales made up 15 per cent of overall book sales in 2012, based on surveys with 4,000 consumers.

Apple on hot seat over offshore tax strategies

Billions saved? CEO Tim Cook denies report that says company uses Irish subsidiaries to dodge U.S. taxes

The U.S. Senate dragged Apple Inc., the world's most valuable company, into the debate over the U.S. tax code Tuesday, grilling CEO Tim Cook over allegations that its Irish subsidiaries help the company avoid billions in U.S. taxes.

Cook said the subsidiaries have nothing to do with reducing its U.S. taxes, a message he struggled to convey to the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

"We pay all the taxes we owe — every single dollar," Cook said. "We don't depend on tax gimmicks."

The senate subcommittee released a report Monday that held up Apple as an example of the legal tax avoidance made possible by the U.S. tax code.

It estimates that Apple avoided at least $3.5 billion US in U.S. federal taxes in 2011 and $9 billion US in 2012 by using its tax strategy, and described a complex setup involving Irish subsidiaries as being a key element of this strategy.

But Cook said the Irish subsidiaries don't reduce the company's U.S. taxes at all. Rather, the company avoids paying the 35 per cent federal tax rate on profits made overseas by not bringing those profits back to the U.S., a practice it shares with other multinationals.

Apple's enormous, iPhone-fuelled profits mean that it has more cash stashed overseas than any other company: $102 billion US.

Cook reaffirmed Apple's position that given the current U.S. tax rate, it has no intention of bringing that cash back to the U.S. Like other companies, it has a responsibility to shareholders to pay as little as possible in taxes.

In effect, Apple is holding out for a lower corporate tax rate, and Cook spent some of his time in the spotlight to advocate for one, accompanied by a streamlining of the tax code to eliminate deductions and credits.

Cook, who is more accustomed to commanding a stage in front of investors and techies than facing a congressional committee, took a defensive tone with his opening statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"We pay all the taxes we owe — every single dollar. We don't depend on tax gimmicks."

Apple CEO Tim Cook, testifying before a U.S. Senate panel.

Going to the market to eat worms

Insects are shown for sale at a market in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in this file photo. Researchers say Thailand is showing the world how to respond to the global food crisis by raising bugs for eating. The United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization released a study and handbook Tuesday on what they call six-legged livestock — edible bugs and worms that can help meet global food demand that is expected to grow 60 per cent by 2050. FAO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Gigs in space

Sales of Hadfield's guitar go into orbit

Sales of a Vancouver-made guitar have skyrocketed since astronaut Chris Hadfield released a music video on May 12 of himself playing a rendition of David Bowie's Space Oddity on the International Space Station.

Guitar-maker Larrivee has since sold $100,000 worth of the three-quarter-size parlour guitar, prompting it to release a commemorative edition of its P-01 model.

NASA purchased two of the guitars more than a decade ago because of their compact size. KATE WEBB/METRO IN VANCOUVER

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JUST SAYIN'

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Golf is one of those sports, like curling, that straddles the legitimate-activity fence.

To excel at golf, much skill is required.

To suck at golf, no skill is required. Believe me, I know.

At its highest level, golf is an exhibition of power, grace, skill and athleticism. At its lowest level — mine — it requires good timing so you can stop for snacks between the 9th and 10th hole without holding up the foursome behind you.

Golf is also susceptible to technology. Clubs now come with an adjustable loft, so you can dial up a shot as easily as hot soup from the microwave.

And golf balls are made of flubber — if you actually hit one, it goes a long way.

I've seen it done.

Push carts look like alien spacecraft with cup holders.

Golf has come far from the early days in Scotland when hairy, robust men used to stalk the bog with their mashie niblicks.

And if the belly putter is any indication, it's come too far.

The belly putter is a long-shafted club that you anchor (I'm not making this up) against your chest or belly, allowing for greater stability and therefore a better chance of getting the stupid little round ball in that stupid little round hole.

It looks pretty funny out here in Dufferville, but then what doesn't?

I once watched a guy take 12 shots to get his ball out of a sand trap. Then he calmly put his club back in the bag, picked up his ball, got into his cart and drove off the course, leaving his partner and the other members of his foursome slack-jawed with incredulity.

But the real problem is pro-level golf, where guys like Ernie Els, Adam Scott and Keegan Bradley have all gained a distinct advantage, and don't look good doing it.

It used to be that the biggest threat to golf's reputation was plaid pants, but as the belly or anchor putter bears an embarrassing resemblance to a crutch, it was obvious that it had to go.

As Tiger Woods so eloquently put it: "It should be mandatory to have to swing all 14 clubs."

That's easy for him to say. He actually has a swing. Most of us swing AT the ball, which is different.

So on Tuesday, golf banned the belly putter, effective Jan. 1, 2016.

Now it's up to the various pro tours and Dufferville to decide if they're going to swing free or die.

This is a hopeful sign that golf is pulling back from the brink of the absurd.

Who knows, maybe the golf lords will get staunch and ban the adjustable driver, which is kind of like having four or five extra clubs in your bag.

And once they get a firm grip on the clubs, how long before they take a swing at plaid pants?

ZOOM

Hang in there, little critters

RONALD WITTEK/ARCO IMAGES/SOLENT

Dangling by a tail

These adorable opossums haven't quite mastered their balance on this thin branch.

Thankfully, the baby marsupials managed to heave themselves to safety after a few minutes of clinging on.

The critters were spotted by nature photographer Ronald Wittek gathering around their mother's back on a game farm in Minnesota. For the photographer, the best part of the image is its composition.

"It was incredible to snap the marsupials in action," he said, adding that as adults they are too heavy and just use their tails to keep their balance. METRO

Quoted

"I don't think they panicked when they slipped. It reminded me of those funny animal posters or movies where creatures are in awkward spots. But it also demonstrated the animals' natural ability in their environment."

Ronald Wittek, professional photographer from Speyer, Germany

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Whether your cause du jour is boycotting GMCs or supporting LGBT equality, the Buycott app is your comrade in ethical arms. Hoping to help align consumerism with conscience, users scan a product's bar code to trace its family history — if the parent company's modus operandi matches the shopper's morals, the buyer is given a green light to consume with a clean conscience.

Partially inspired by a conceived-but-not-created app to help shoppers avoid products with the Koch family seal of approval, Buycott users can get the history of a product without loitering in the grocery store aisles for long periods of time doing a never-ending background check on a product.

While the largest campaign on the app is still the Koch boycott, user-submitted campaigns have growing followings too: supporting local craft beer has close to 2,000 members, avoiding sweatshops and child labour has nearly 13,000 and team anti-Splenda has more than 2,500 followers.

Twitter

@metropicks asked:
Beer is the norm after some marathons and obstacle courses. What do you think is the ideal way to recover from strenuous exercise?

@FrenchmanCanada: Cheer for people who are still running

@leeanne_yyc: May have to have one after the @CalgaryMarathon

@SarahFYasmin: Bacon, Chocolate and wine! I'll be having that after my marathon this Sunday May 26th!

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Comments

RE: Should You Introduce Your Kids To Religion? Published May 5 online

I have struggled with religion myself. We are a same-sex family, one being born into the Muslim religion and the other into the Catholic. Neither of these religions has given us acceptance or support. We see religion as a club for the elite, and we unfortunately are not the elite. Why would we expose our child to something that is so judgmental and doesn't accept us? She will make her own decision when she is ready, as we cannot teach her something we don't believe ourselves.
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Paul Walker, left, Dwayne Johnson and Vin Diesel reunite for Fast and Furious 6, the latest installment of the global blockbuster franchise built on speed. HANDOUT

Burning that silly movie money by burning some serious rubber

Car chase movies. Fast and Furious 6 grabs the wheel this weekend but it's far from the only movie in its genre to hold the pole position

IN FOCUS
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This weekend Fast and Furious 6, the latest high-octane installment of the car crazy franchise, hit screens.

Along with it will come squealing tires, revving engines and some of cinema's wildest car chases.

The auto chase is a movie staple, a tradition that dates back over 100 years of movie history.

The silent Keystone Cop films featured the first recorded car chases — a mix of slapstick, jalopies and rough-and-ready stunts — as far back as 1912.

Early Hollywood often played the chases for laughs. In The Bank Dick, W.C. Fields is taken hostage by a bank robber and forced to drive the getaway car.

In the chaotic chase that follows, the vehicle narrowly misses clipping the heads off bystanders as it flies over a ditch and slowly starts to disintegrate.

"The resale value of this car is going to be nil after you get over this trip," says Fields.

Emanuel Levy, an American film critic, said, "Bullitt contains one of the most exciting car chases in film history, a sequence that revolutionized Hollywood's standards."

Lasting just nine minutes and 42 seconds, the filming of the scene took three weeks pairing Steve McQueen's 1968 Ford Mustang 390 GT 2+2 Fastback against the villain's 1968 Dodge Charger 440 Magnum.

The chase was planned to run at 75 to 80 mph but ended up racing through the streets of San Francisco at speeds of more than 110 mph.

Several years later, The French Connection made Gene Hackman a star, won five Academy Awards and featured one of the greatest ever chase scenes.

The realistic looking chase was shot without permits on the streets of Bensonhurst, Brooklyn.

The sequence got a little too realistic for one car owner.

A hapless driver, at the corner of Stillwell Ave. and 86th St., who was unaware a film was being shot, was side swiped by Hackman's car.

Director William Friedkin liked the shot and paid off the driver on the spot.

Chase sequences have gotten more expensive since the early '70s.

Gone are the days where director John Hough could stage a wild chase between a lime green '69 Dodge Charger and a helicopter in Dirty Mary Crazy Larry for peanuts.

John Moore, director of A Good Day To Die Hard starring Bruce Willis, says the chase scene in that movie cost $11 million.

They destroyed 132 cars, damaged another 518 and even flattened a Lamborghini. That one hurt, he said. "I'm a car fanatic."

Gregory Smith. Taking a Rookie run at directing the boys in Blue

It's no surprise, really, that Gregory Smith is directing episodes of the series he co-stars in, Rookie Blue. The Toronto-lensed cop drama returns for a fourth season May 23 on Global and ABC.

"He's a particular renaissance man," says Rookie Blue executive producer and showrunner Tassie Cameron. "He's one of those guys you discover suddenly that he's running some tech company out of his trailer, he's taking award-winning photographs from his travels to Africa ... he's just one of those people."

The Toronto-born, B.C.-raised actor, who turns 30 this summer, has been around TV and film sets almost his entire life. His father Maurice produced low-budget films and his teacher mother Terrea acted in some of them.

Before he was a teen, Smith was showing up on Vancouver-based TV shows such as The Commish, The Hat Squad and Highlander.

Over the years, he's also appeared in 25 films.

So when he was given an opportunity to become the first Rookie Blue cast member to direct last season, Smith jumped at it. He watched carefully the work of several directors, particularly executive producer David Wellington, studied their techniques and gave it a shot.

"That's basically how I learned everything as an actor," he says during an interview in his trailer on the set. "I was just a kid and I worked with these actors and I'd ask them questions and then something would work for me and I'd try to move forward with it."

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Rookie Blue actor Gregory Smith is taking the director's reigns. HANDOUT

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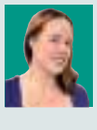
Does Brad Pitt suffer from face blindness?



THE WORD
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Plenty of Hollywood stars probably have trouble remembering everyone they meet (they meet a lot of people).

Brad Pitt, however, thinks his poor memory might be an actual medical condition. He finds it nearly impossible to remember the faces of anyone he meets, he told Esquire.

For awhile, he tried being honest about his problem. "I took one year where I just said, This year, I'm just going to cop to it and say to people, 'OK, where did we meet?' But it just got worse. People were more offended. Every now and then, someone will give me context, and I'll say, 'Thank you for helping me.' But I piss more people off," the star says.

Brad says he's planning to get tested to find out if his forgetfulness is actually a mental condition called prosopagnosia, or face blindness. He has said that the condition means he doesn't go out anymore because of anxiety about the condition (and probably because he has six children).

So basically, Brad Pitt has a face everyone remembers whereas he can't remember anyone else's. Oh, the irony!

Will and Jaden Smith ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

'Don't have a girlfriend,' dad advises Jaden Smith

Will Smith has clearly given son — and After Earth co-star — Jaden Smith a lot of advice, but one bit of wisdom sticks out: "Probably the best advice he's ever given me is, 'Don't have a girlfriend,'" Jaden tells E! News. "The stress is real." For his dad's part, it's less about stress and more about not closing yourself off to experiences. "Blending with another person is very difficult, and a lot of times you can lose yourself in the process," the elder Smith says. "So my encouragement to him is to be honest with anybody he interacts with. Don't make commitments that a 14-year-old can't live up to."

Twitter

@AnnaKendrick47
Wake up and play with me America!!!

@ZacharyQuinto
literally just going where they take me.

@TheRealRoseanne
i am thinking of the satanic presence of chuck lorre and how it is sucking all of the creativity of persons with souls from hollywood realm

@JossActual
Fans, thanks but I will never be comfortable with people calling me a "God". I would prefer you to call me a Muhammad and then NOT DRAW ME.

'The pregnancy rumour is false'

Jay-Z is eager to dispel rumours that his wife, Beyoncé, is pregnant — especially since they're proving particularly tough to kill. New York radio DJ Ebro Darden reached out to the rapper via email "to say congratulations, send my love to the fam," Darden said on his show. But what he got in response from Jay-Z was pretty direct and to the point: "It's not true," Jay-Z wrote back. "The pregnancy rumour is false."

Jay-Z

January Jones

Jones' baby daddy is still a secret

January Jones is not going to reveal the identity of her infant son's father, so stop asking. At least that's a lesson the New York Times learned recently while interviewing the Mad Men star. "That's my son's business. It's not the public's business," she responded. Jones apparently got the notion to keep the press at arm's length from a famous pal. "Jack Nicholson once told me, 'You should never give your personal life away, otherwise people will pick you apart. They'll never believe in your character,'" Jones explained, adding that "women should have lots of secrets. It's our right to have secrets. Otherwise, what would we write in our memoirs?"

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Heat up your summer with some cool Nashville vibes

Not all country. While you might think it's a honky-tonk town, Nashville is a hub for all kinds of music, culture and tasty food

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You don't have to know how to two-step to fall for Nashville. The city recently rebranded itself from America's country music capital to Music City — and there's good reason.

It's a vibrant hub of up-and-coming singers, songwriters and musicians across genres, including pop, rock, gospel, bluegrass, jazz, classical, alt-country, blues and soul. And it offers an array of cultural, historical and foodie attractions that complement its musical backdrop.

Nashville has more than 120 live music venues; there's even a live music app (find it at musiccity.com) that uses your current location to tell you where to find the nearest live music venue.

No trip to Nashville is complete without a stop at the legendary Bluebird Cafe. This listening venue has been around for 30 years, where up-and-coming musicians and the "songwriters behind the hits" showcase their talents in an acoustic song circle for fans and music execs alike. It's an intimate venue (only 100 seats), so get there early or make reservations online at bluebirdcafe.com.

Even if you're not into country music, it's worth checking out the clubs on Honky Tonk Alley — a breeding ground for young, hopeful performers. You'll hear everything from rock to alt-country and might even get a sneak peak of the next big thing.

One of the most famous, long-running honky tonks is Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, where Willie Nelson and Patsy Cline used to hang out. Robert's Western Wear is a boot store by day and honky tonk by night, where you'll hear some of the world's best rockabilly. Or check out a show at the Grand Ole Opry, which began as a radio broadcast in 1925 and today serves as a live-entertainment venue honouring country music's legends and contemporary chart-toppers.

If you're a fan of Jack White, check out the Nashville location of his record label, Third Man Records, with a record store, live venue and analogue recording booth. Here you'll find an amazing collection of vinyl, most of which is produced by Jack White himself.

The newly opened Johnny Cash Museum is a tribute to the Man in Black — he's the only artist to have songs on the Billboard for six consecutive decades. With a treasure trove of memorabilia brought together under one roof, you'll find everything from Johnny's J-200 Gibson guitar to the lyrics he wrote in prison to Folsom Prison Blues (and the Grammy that came as a result). Visit johnnycashmuseum.net for more info.

Explore East Nashville, an eclectic neighbourhood in the midst of a renaissance, with antebellum buildings dating back to the 1850s. VAWN HIMMELSBACH/METRO

Hipster hangout Hillsboro Village
VAWN HIMMELSBACH/METRO

Where to stay

The Hutton Hotel offers "elegance at ease" with hi-tech amenities, custom furnishings and contemporary luxury, right in the heart of Nashville. Blending sophistication with Southern hospitality, the hotel is also eco-friendly with LED lighting, recycling programs and sustainable bamboo flooring.

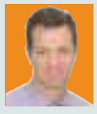
The Johnny Cash Museum opened its doors last month. HANDOUT

Where to eat

The South, of course, is known for its BBQ and Nashville has its share of "dives" with "meat and three," which includes your choice of meat (fried chicken or pulled pork) and three sides. Try Urban Grub for its charcuterie board, which includes Tennessee prosciutto, capicola with bourbon-smoked paprika and toasted ancho, and Kentucky white cheddar. The Capitol Grille in the historic Hermitage Hotel features a "farm-crafted" seasonal menu with a commitment to sustainability, paying homage to great Southern dishes and cooking practices of the past — executive chef Tyler Brown uses some of his grandmother's recipes, and the ingredients are grown at a farm just five miles from the restaurant. Nashville is also home to artisan distilleries that embody the spirit of the South. Corsair offers micro batch craft spirits, which have won 41 medals at international spirits competitions. Try Insane in the Grain!, a 12-grain bourbon; for those who are gluten-free, try the Quinoa Whiskey.

Family trips

What to see this summer



ON THE MOVE
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Just in time for your family vacation there are a number of attractions making their debut this summer.

Located at the foot of the Olympic stadium tower, Montreal's $48 million Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium houses two theatres: the Milky Way theatre, where visitors study and learn about the sky, and the more interactive Chaos Theatre. Visitors to the Chaos Theatre enjoy a 20-minute multimedia odyssey through the universe.

The complex includes numerous exhibits and the largest public collection of meteorites in Quebec.

Set to open later this summer, the Ripley's Aquarium of Canada is located at the base of Toronto's CN Tower and Rogers Centre.

The Aquarium will be one of the largest in North America, hosting 13,500 inhabitants, or approximately 450 species. The facility will feature a tropical reef tank and a 315-foot-long moving walkway, in a see-through tunnel, below a shark lagoon inhabited by sand tiger sharks.

If you are looking to enjoy nature this summer, you no longer need a car to get to the front gates of Ontario's best-loved outdoor retreats. The Park Bus has added a number of new routes this summer, including Fathom Five National Marine Park, taking customers directly from downtown Toronto to backcountry access points where you can hook up with outfitters and start your outdoor adventure.

FlyOver Canada at Vancouver's iconic Canada Place is getting lots of great buzz. Housed in the former IMAX theatre, it incorporates the latest in virtual flight-ride technology and is the first of its kind in the country. Up to 60 guests are strapped in their seats and elevated in front of a 20-metre-wide, sphere-shaped screen before embarking on a virtual 4D experience across the country. The adventure showcases a mix of seasons, magnificent landscapes and vibrant colours, all enhanced by wind, scents, mist and sound.

Named after world-renowned Canadian artist Robert Bateman, and located in the historic CPR Steamship Building in Victoria's Inner Harbour, the Robert Bateman Centre features educational space, a retail store and a gallery housing approximately 130 of his masterpieces, from his classic B.C. pieces to his famed Africa collection. Check out the collection of 36 of Bateman's bird pieces where, when visitors run their hands over the painting labels, the appropriate bird sounds resonate in the gallery.

A look at the best of the biggest fests

Summer sounds. If you only go to one concert this summer, a festival is going to give you the most bang for your buck

Buy a bus ticket with your concert ticket. Here are a few festivals that are worthy of camping and getting a little muddy.

Boston Calling

May 26-26, Boston, Mass.
Amidst the brutalist architecture of Boston's once-maligned Government Center, this inner city festival marks its first year with performances from F.U.N. The Shins, The National and the Walkmen, as well as locals Caspian and Bad Rabbits. The festival is co-curated by The National's Aaron Dessner. bostoncalling.com

Will you meet the love of your life at Bonnarro? YARDEENA2009/FLICKR

Newport Folk Fest

July 27-28 , Newport, R.I.
This onetime purist folk fest in Fort Adams State Park features Beck, Feist, Will Oldham and Dawn McCarthy. newportfolkfest.net

Lollapalooza

Aug. 2-4, Chicago, Ill.
The granddaddy of the modern festival once again draws the biggest names to the Windy City. Goth originators The Cure, stoner rockers Queens of the Stone Age and Manchester ravers New Order are joined by soulman Charles Bradley and new folkies The Lumineers. lollapalooza.com

Bonnaroo

June 13-16, Manchester, Tenn.
You never know who you'll meet at Bonnaroo: According to legend, Kings of Leon drummer Nathan met his wife Jesse in the potty line. Needless to say, it's huge and romantic and this year's three-and-a-half-day lineup includes desert drifters Calexico, Paul McCartney and Wu-Tang Clan's Friday night spot is high on many to-do lists. bonnaroo.com

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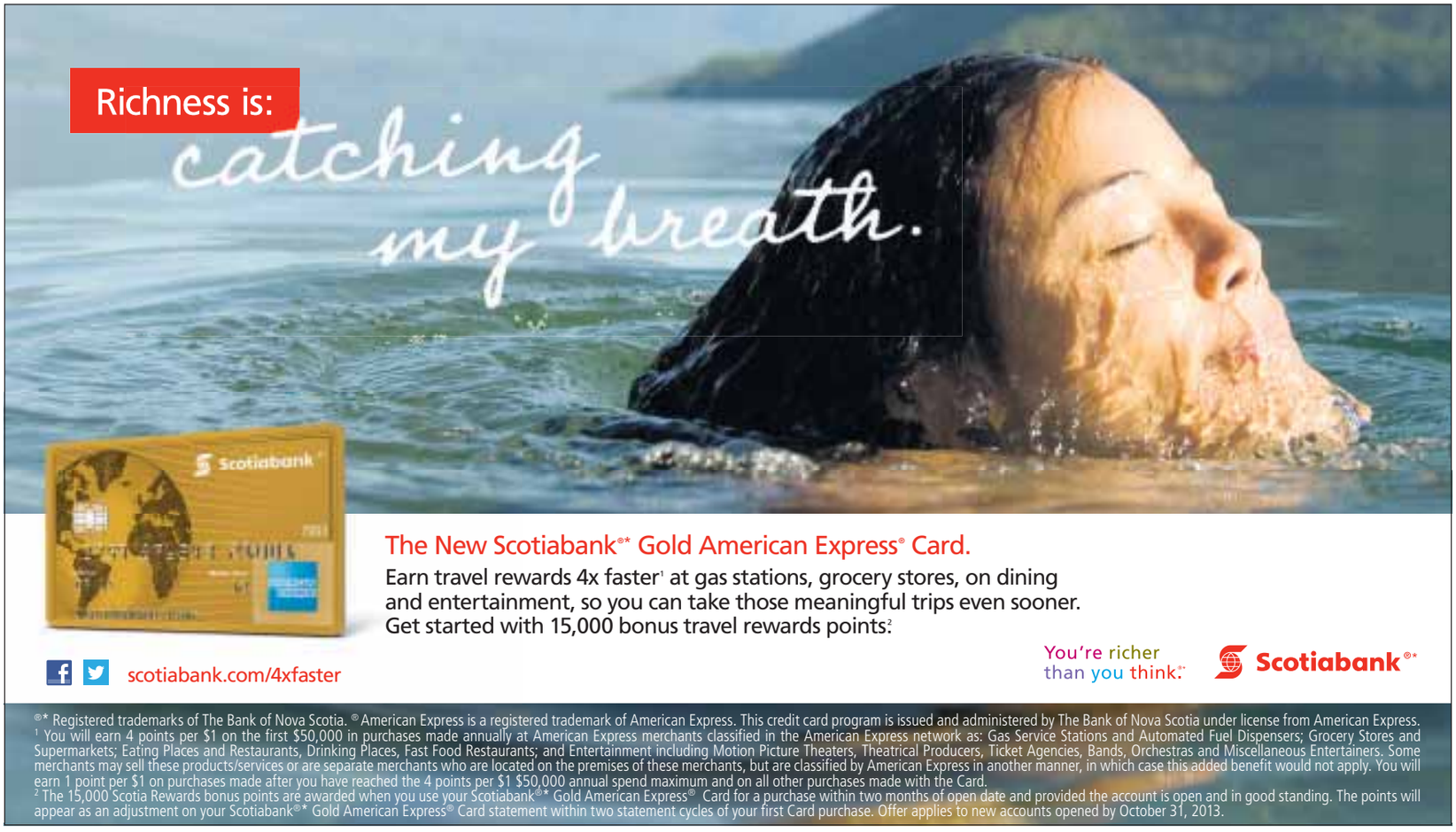

Keep the crotchety customer at bay. Wringing necks is not an option

If you've been upholding the reputation of your employer, you shouldn't be treated poorly. Chances are, your manager will know better as to how to diffuse the situation, so ask them if they could give you a hand. ISTOCK

I've always done a pretty good job of living up to my name, Rosie. Whether I'm embarrassed, nervous or just warm, I'll blush.

That's why one of my previous jobs in retail could often lead to a very rosy-faced Rosie — I seemed to get stuck with every difficult customer.

One particular incident has always stuck in my mind. I was a wide-eyed and innocent student working a sales position in a photography store and I had yet to experience such a difficult customer.

On this occasion, the customer mumbled his request to me and upon my asking if he would please repeat his question as I didn't quite catch it the first time, he yelled it into my ear. My manager had gone to the back and I was alone at the store front.

I took a deep breath and tried to help the customer with his request, which is when he started to taunt me and call me names. I cashed him out as quickly and efficiently as I could and tried to ignore the insults.

When he finally left the store, my manager emerged from the back and asked me why I was bright red with tears in my eyes and then offered me some words of wisdom for dealing with particularly difficult or rude customers:

Woe is work

> "My manager emerged from the back and asked me why I was bright red with tears in my eyes."
>
> Rosie Hales

Stay calm
This gives the customer fewer reasons to be rude and also helps you keep control of your emotions.

Don't retaliate or argue
You don't want to make the customer any more aggravated.

Try to empathize
Remember the quote: "Be kind; everyone is fighting their own battle." While it might seem that this person is trying to fight you instead, you don't know the kind of day they've had. However, if this person is just being downright rude then follow step 4.

Don't let it get you down
While it seems totally wrong that the customer might be taking their bad day out on you, chances are that if you've done nothing to provoke the customer then their behaviour is probably nothing personal.

ROSIE HALES, TALENTEGG.CA

There's something you really want, so raise your voice!

Ask and you shall receive. How can you expect to climb the career ladder if you never express your desire to do so?

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Managers want ambitious people like you on their team and they always want to give you more responsibility. So speak up! ISTOCK

A few months ago, a good friend of mine approached me about an internal job posting within his organization for which he was interested in applying.

He had been a video editor within this sports broadcasting company for four years and definitely needed more responsibility, a new challenge and something to give him renewed excitement about the organization and his field. He was hesitant to apply, as he'd been told that the individuals hiring already had someone in mind for the position and he felt that a fair amount of the job description was out of his skill set, as the job required producing experience. I encouraged him to apply regardless, as it would show upper management that he was looking to make lateral and/or vertical moves within the organization, that he wanted to be given more leadership opportunities and that he was looking to grow within this field. Ultimately, there was no harm in applying. His superiors wouldn't even know he was interested in the position if he didn't apply and likely hadn't considered him as a possibility for the job — not because he wasn't qualified or capable, but because he hadn't voiced any interest until this point. If you don't ask, you don't get.

My friend applied for the position and within two days he heard back from the hiring manager for the position. He had an interview three days later and, what do you know? He got the job! Two weeks later he set off on a month of travelling across Canada filming the fourth season of this station's signature show. He had new responsibilities, new networking opportunities, and the chance to learn new skills within his field — and he could not have been more pumped to get started! None of this would have happened if he had settled for the status quo and hadn't voiced his interest in this exciting new opportunity. He Spoke Up!

Think of it this way: it's more efficient and cost effective to teach a new skill to an eager, existing employee than to hire someone new to fill the gap. You'll be surprised to see the opportunities that become available to you by showing this initiative, enthusiasm and dedication in your organization.

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Opportunities to open up your yapper

Whether you're volunteering, have a part-time job, contract position, or are fully employed, it's important to speak up when you want to:

- Gain more experience
- Learn new skills
- Make a lateral move in your organization
- Get promoted
- Be given new opportunities
- Tackle a specific project
- Join a project team
- Be given more responsibility
- Take on a leadership role

Loud and proud

Ways to speak up successfully

- Arrange a meeting with your manager/supervisor to discuss your long-term career vision
- Talk to your boss about ways for you to get more involved in your organization
- Apply for internal job postings
- Request to be put on certain project teams
- Tell your boss you are looking for more responsibility or that you want to acquire new skills — be specific!

Survive the post-grad phase with the Triple P

Where do I go from here? Proactivity, persistence and patience will pay off when post-graduation leaves you feeling a little gloomy

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I naively thought it wasn't going to happen to me.

My friends who had already graduated warned me: prepare for the depressing months after your graduation.

And I thought listening to a lot of inspiring TED featured talks from ivy league commencement addresses would suffice (it helps a bit).

For many architecture students, the late bloomers (I was in the same boat), they might begin to do their portfolios.

Some might get their job offers early if they prepared their portfolio on time during school and just in time to pay their student loans. Some might struggle and have a different scenario.

It's really a waiting game and it can get frustrating and disheartening at times. I tried to be positive through this experience.

Failing and falling behind has prepared me to be positive through it. A lot of students deal with this — what I'd like to call the post-grad phase.

Since many of my friends in architecture school have moved back home or moved on, myself included, this is a time I wanted to extend my network and wanted to meet people outside of architecture and learn from them. In the months following graduation, I went to entrepreneurship, leadership and architecture events to meet people and network.

I wanted to find out what success is and open my eyes to a world that is not just architecture — and I have been inspired and motivated.

It's important to remind yourself to stay hopeful, strong and to not be a victim to circumstances.

Don't let time taint your dreams. Plan, plot and pursue! ISTOCK PHOTO

What kept me going on during this post-grad phase is the Triple P: proactivity, persistence and patience.

Stay Proactive

- And not reactive — you have to keep busy.
- Network, network, network!
- Attend workshops, lectures, talk to people.
- Keep building your portfolio!
- Learn and acquire new skills!
- Do competitions and join design charettes!
- Seek help — professors, career counsellors, mentors!

Stay Persistent

- There will be moments of self-doubt — you have to prevail and be positive.
- Getting hired will come unexpectedly.
- Rejection should not be taken personally — at the interview, it comes down to how well you click and fit in the workplace, and firms might not have enough projects.

Failure taught me patience, persistence and the need to be proactive. It's about carefully reflecting on yourself and constantly looking at opportunities to improve and move on.

If there is anything that my setbacks in university honed in me, it's resilience to keep going through these moments.

To climb up requires failing and learning from it — ultimately this is a career for those who are passionate about architecture and design.

To close this entry, I thought I'd finish up with one more tip — stay hopeful. This isn't an easy phase for anyone, but be positive and look toward finding what it is you are passionate about and make it your motivating push.

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Stay Patient

- If this career is truly what you want to do and are hungry for, you'll stick with it through thick and thin.
- Our professors in architecture school were right when they said that this career path might not be the most profitable path to tread in relation to other fields — business and commerce is where it's at if you're after profit.
- Realize that this is a career of passion. Passion is what is keeps me going in spite of the trying moments during this transitional phase — it's not easy, but the things you're passionate about are worth fighting for.

Smuggle vegetables onto the warm weather menu with Summer Rolls

1. To make the dipping sauce, in a food processor or blender combine the peanut butter, hoisin, 2 tablespoons lime juice, scallions, soy sauce, sesame oil, hot sauce and water. Puree until smooth. Taste and add more lime juice or hot sauce if desired, and additional water if necessary to thin the sauce to a good dipping consistency. Transfer to a bowl and set aside.

2. To prepare rolls, in a small bowl combine the rice vinegar, sugar and a hefty pinch of salt. Whisk until the salt and sugar are dissolved. Add the carrots and cabbage and toss well. Set aside.

3. Fill a large bowl with hot water. Add 1 rice paper wrapper to the water and let soak for 10 to 15 seconds, or until just barely soft and pliable. Lay the wrapper flat on the counter. In the centre of the wrapper, place a small, oblong mound of the carrot-cabbage mixture, then top with a bit each of jicama, bell pepper and snow peas. Top with 2 mint leaves.

4. To fold the roll, start by folding the right and left sides of the wrapper over the fillings. Next, fold the end closest to you up over the fillings and sides. Holding the roll firmly, roll it away from you until the remaining wrapper is completely rolled up. Transfer the roll, seam side down, to a plate and cover with a damp paper towel. Repeat with the remaining wrappers and fillings.

5. The vegetable rolls can be made up to 4 hours ahead, covered with a damp paper towel and plastic wrap and chilled. Serve with the dipping sauce.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ SARA MOULTON AUTHOR OF SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS

Ingredients

For the dipping sauce:
- 3/4 cup smooth unsalted natural peanut butter
- 1/2 cup hoisin sauce
- 2 to 3 tbsp lime juice
- 2 scallions, white and green parts, coarsely chopped
- 1 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- Hot sauce, to taste
- 2 tbsp water

For the rolls:
- 1 tbsp rice vinegar
- 1/2 tsp sugar
- Kosher salt
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1 cup shredded Napa cabbage
- Sixteen 8-inch rice paper wrappers
- 1/2 medium jicama, cut into julienne strips (about 1 cup)
- 1 cup thinly sliced red bell pepper strips
- 1 cup blanched and thinly sliced snow peas
- 32 large fresh mint leaves

Fresh Summer Rolls with Spicy Peanut Dipping Sauce

This recipe makes 16 rolls. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Joie de vivre

- 4 thinly sliced cucumber slices
- 1.5 oz Grey Goose La Poire
- .25 oz freshly squeezed lime juice
- .5 oz simple syrup
- 3/4 oz Prosecco

Add 3 cucumber slices to a shaker and muddle. Add ice, La Poire, lime juice and simple syrup. Shake well. Add Prosecco into a champagne flute then pour cocktail over top. Garnish with a cucumber slice.

RECIPES & PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE GREY GOOSE LOUNGE AT MUZIK IN TORONTO

Serve up a hot-off-the-grill taste of the Mediterranean

Taken from the new edition of the Griller's Handbook (by Broil King) this recipe provides an excellent base for grilled pizza, with options to change toppings for your flavour preference.

1. Lightly oil pizza crust on both sides using olive oil.

2. Place chicken, and vegetables on pizza dough as desired. Sprinkle generously with crumbled feta cheese. Drizzle with balsamic vinaigrette and sprinkle chopped fresh basil over pizza to taste.

3. Specially designed for pizza, Broil King recommends its Stone Grill Set. Place it in the centre of your barbecue's cooking grids. Turn all burners to high and preheat grill to 400 - 600 F. Reduce temperature to medium/medium-high to maintain a temperature around 450 F.

4. Using a well-floured pizza peel, slide the uncooked pizza onto the pizza stone.

5. Check the pizza frequently — depending on thickness of crust, this will take between 8 and 20 minutes.

6. Pizza is ready when cheese has melted and bottom is browned. Remove from pizza stone with the wooden pizza peel.

7. Allow the stone to cool completely before attempting to remove from grill.

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Ingredients

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 pizza crust (thin home-made or thin pre-made)
- 1 boneless chicken breast (pre-grilled)
- Kalamata olives – remove pits
- Sun dried tomato
- Red onion
- Crushed chopped garlic to taste
- 200 g feta cheese
- 3 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- Fresh basil

Lunch. Club House Burger

1. Heat grill to high. Then, in bowl, combine sirloin and ground chuck. Mix, being careful not to overwork. Add Worcestershire sauce, dry mustard, salt and pepper. Mix until just combined, then divide into 6 pieces. Shape each piece into burger about 3/4 inch thick. Press thumb gently into centre of each to form depression.

2. Brush patties lightly on both sides with olive oil. Reduce heat to medium, then add burgers and grill until meat is no longer pink, 10 minutes, turning once halfway through grilling time.

3. Meanwhile, brush butter over both sides of rolls and grill until lightly toasted, 2 minutes.

4. Serve burgers on buttered rolls with lettuce leaf, slice of raw onion, tomato and a slice of bacon, if desired. Serve with traditional condiments on side.

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Ingredients

- 1 lb each ground sirloin and ground chuck
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp Coleman's dry mustard
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin Olive oil
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 6 kaiser rolls, sliced
- 6 crisp butter lettuce leaves
- 6 slices purple onion
- 2 tomatoes, cut into 6 slices
- 6 slices cooked bacon
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Mayonnaise

4 SPORTS

NHL

Roy could be Avs' next coach: Reports

Patrick Roy and Joe Sakic formed a productive partnership on the ice during their playing days, leading the Colorado Avalanche to two Stanley Cup titles.

Patrick Roy
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Now, Avalanche fans are hoping they're reunited to steer the foundering franchise back to the glory days. According to reports, the Hall of Fame goaltender could possibly be in line to become the next coach.

Roy's younger brother, Stephane Roy, posted a Facebook note late Monday night saying his brother would be the new coach. Stephane Roy later told The Denver Post: "They're discussing the final details of an arrangement."
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NBA

Cavs win lottery for top draft pick

The Cleveland Cavaliers won the lottery for the second time in three years and have the No. 1 pick for the June 27 draft.

The also won in 2011 and used the top pick on eventual Rookie of the Year Kyrie Irving.

The Orlando Magic fell back one spot to No. 2, while the Washington Wizards vaulted from No. 8 to third. Toronto won the 12th pick, but it was sent to Oklahoma City as part of the deal that saw James Harden go to Houston and Kyle Lowry go to the Raptors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rangers forward Ryan Callahan hits Bruins winger Brad Marchand during Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinal on Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden. Boston won 2-1 to take a 3-0 series lead. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

New York series win falling out of range

NHL playoffs. Rangers offence sputters as Bruins move a game away from sweep

Game 3

Bruins	Rangers
2	1

Daniel Paille snapped a tie with 3:31 left in the third period, and the Boston Bruins put the New York Rangers on the brink of elimination with a 2-1 victory in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinal series on Tuesday night.

Boston leads the best-of-seven series 3-0 and can advance to the conference finals as early as Thursday at Madison Square Garden. Only three teams in NHL history have rallied from an 0-3 hole to advance.

The Bruins trailed 1-0 heading into the third, but defenceman Johnny Boychuk tied it at 3:10 of the period with his fourth of the playoffs. The Rangers hadn't lost in regulation when leading after two periods since Feb. 4, 2010.

Boston thought it had grabbed the lead seconds before Paille actually scored when a shot deflected off the mask of Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist, popped up in the air and landed on the goal line. Lundqvist couldn't find it before Paille swooped in from behind the net and poked in the puck.

Taylor Pyatt had made it 1-0 in the second period for the Rangers, who were outscored 8-4 in two losses at Boston to begin the series. New York had won nine straight games at home, including three in the playoffs against Washington in the first round.

Lundqvist was sharp until the third period and finished with 32 saves. Tuukka Rask stopped 23 shots in the win.

The Rangers again failed to get their power play untracked, failing in both of their chances and dropping to 0-for-10 in the series. New York has only two power-play goals in 38 opportunities during these playoffs.
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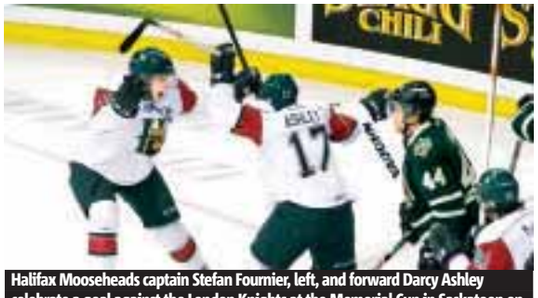
Knights caught in Mooseheads' line of fire


Halifax Mooseheads captain Stefan Fournier, left, and forward Darcy Ashley celebrate a goal against the London Knights at the Memorial Cup in Saskatoon on Tuesday night. Halifax won the game 9-2. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Martin Frk had a hat trick and an assist and Darcy Ashley also scored twice and had an assist of his own Tuesday as the Halifax Mooseheads hammered the London Knights 9-2 in the final round-robin game for both teams at the Memorial Cup.

Stefan Fournier added a goal and an assist, while Brent Andrews, Ryan Falkenham and Luca Ciampini also scored for Halifax (2-1), which booked a spot in at least Friday's semi-final.

Memorial Cup

Mooseheads	Knights
9	2

Zachary Fucale made 26 saves for the QMJHL champions, who led 5-0 after the first period and 8-2 after the second. Top prospects Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin each had three assists.

The focus of the tournament now turns to Wednesday's final round-robin game between the WHL champion Portland Winterhawks (1-1) and the host Saskatoon Blades (1-1). A win for Portland puts the Mooseheads directly into Sunday's championship game, while a Saskatoon win means the Blades will go right to the final, with Halifax having to settle for a spot in the semi-final. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Space out in the 2014 Fiat 500L

Review. Fiat 500 gets a makeover to become roomier automobile

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Fiat means business and that means making the 500 more appealing to North American small-car buyers by giving them more of what they really, really want. That's where the all-new 500L enters the picture.

Sure, the original "Cinquecento" two-door hatchback and its semi-convertible Cabrio and Abarth offshoots are kind of adorable. But let's face it; any car that's 15 centimetres shorter than a Mini Cooper is bound to be a tight fit, especially for anyone occupying the back seat. That's why the brand-extending Mini Clubman and Countryman were created and it's for the same reason that the four-door 500L will debut early this summer.

Making over the 500 to become the 500L meant employing a larger version of the 500's platform, called "small-wide." The tale of the tape reveals a gain of about 70 centimetres in overall length, about 15 centimetres in width and height and slightly more than 30 centimetres between the front and rear wheels, resulting in 42 per cent greater interior volume. You can almost hear six-footer-plus-types across the land cheering at this news.

The 500L is also somewhat larger than its nearest rival, the four-door Mini Cooper Countryman, which translates into considerably more passenger and luggage room.

Fiat has also fashioned the rear seat to accommodate three people, for a total of five (the Countryman is limited to four), although it will help if the meat-in-the-sandwich occupant is less than adult sized. Both the front and the 60:40 split rear seat can be folded when extra cargo space is called for.

The rest of the 500L's interior is more modernistic than that of the 500 and features twin gauge pods in place of a single multi-purpose unit.

As well, the L's shifter is floor-mounted instead of being angled directly below the dashboard. It's also a bit early to discuss standard and optional features, but what is known is that the 500L will be offered in Pop, Easy, Trekking and Lounge models. Unfortunately, all-wheel drive is not on the Trekking's build sheet, which pretty much limits where you can actually trek to.

Other up-level equipment includes a panoramic glass sunroof, enlarged touch-screen controls for the audio, communications and navigation systems and a premium Beats by Dr. Dre audio system.

Pricing is expected to come in at about $26,000 for base models but could reach into the $30,000 range when the automatic transmission and other popular options are factored in. Those are reasonable fees for an Italian-bred wagon that won't cramp your style, or you for that matter, while providing an abundance of style that matches its carrying capacity.

2014 Fiat 500L

- **Type.** Four-door front-wheel drive compact wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 1.4-litre SOHC I4, turbocharged (160hp)
- **Transmissions.** Six speed manual, six speed twin clutch automated manual
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $26,000

Design

Physically, the 500L shares nothing with the 500 two-door, but it does exude a saucy character that's unmistakably Fiat. What really sticks out as unique are the 500L's double windshield pillars that are separated by a glass panel. Interesting, but there will likely be some criticism over forward visibility.

Fuel Economy

As of press time, fuel-economy numbers haven't been released, but a good guesstimate would be 7.8 l/100 km in the city and 5.2 on the highway for versions with the six-speed stick.

Engine

Fiat wisely chose not to install the 500's 101-horsepower 1.4-litre four-cylinder in North American versions of the 500L. Instead, the standard powerplant is the turbocharged 1.4 used in the sporty 500 Abarth. The engine pumps out 160 horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque.

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Ask anyone. Spending money on a new exhaust system is mostly about the sound. If you pick up a bit of extra power, that's just a bonus.

But it's also risky business for buyers with hundreds of dollars or maybe even $1,000-$1,500 on the line.

It took 2007 Mustang GT owner Gilles Belliveau many months to make up his mind and all the usual questions came into play. The most important, even ahead of price: will it have the right sound?

It's a very personal "style" sort of thing, and to make matters worse, buyers can't really hear, exactly, how a new system will sound until after it has been bought, shipped and put on the car. But by then there is no turning back if you made the wrong choice: you're stuck with it.

"You can listen to cars on Youtube.com with the same system you want, or hear sound clips at the websites of some companies but you just don't really know for sure how it will sound until it's on your car," says Belliveau, an investment manager who routinely takes his Mustang on weekend road trips.

Belliveau twists the key of the blue convertible and the 4.6-litre-V8 rips a tinny cackle and pops a few times before settling into a pleasant "blub, blub, blub."

"I love it. It's perfect."

Perfect sound in this case has an interesting twist. In fact, it's the lack of sound that's so impressive with this Corsa-brand system.

Cruising down the freeway in the passenger seat, you soon realize that the exhaust is not making any sound ... at all. Even less than the factory exhaust.

"It's quiet when it needs to be."

No kidding.

Crack the throttle and it comes to life. Settle back into cruise mode and there's just the rush of wind.

"See, there's no drone at all." Ah, yes, the dreaded five-letter "D" word.

It might seem like a small deal but a droning exhaust can become incredibly annoying as it drowns out conversation and the stereo, both of which require elevated volume levels to be heard. And pardon the pun but a droning exhaust system is just plain exhausting.

It's bad enough that you run the risk of drone — or, major drone — when you buy an expensive upgraded exhaust system, but sometimes even the factory that built your car doesn't always get it right. Owners of the V6 Camaro might know this feeling. Wheelbase Media's recent testing found the car enjoyable but that it also exhibited a tiring low-frequency exhaust drone at highway speeds.

By contrast, Craig Kohrs' kids can sleep in the back of his full-size sport-utility vehicle and not be woken up by the Corsa exhaust system.

"In fact, I'm doing 20 mph and talking to you on my Bluetooth phone."

And he's clear as a bell for this interview with no exhaust system killing the call.

Kohrs just happens to be vice president and general manager of TMG Performance Products, which manages the Corsa brand.

So, how does the company do it? Where many mufflers use a series of internal bends, baffles and packing, such as fibreglass, to muffle the exhaust noise, a Corsa system is a totally different animal.

Look in one end of the muffler and you can see straight out the other, which makes you wonder how it could be so quiet. And then you pick it up. Watch your back. The heft of a Corsa muffler is due to a myriad of small chambers that completely cancel out sound at certain frequencies. Thus, no highway drone. It's patented technology that the company has been perfecting since 1998.

Where other companies offer systems that fit certain cars, they'll often use the same basic muffler from car to car.

With Corsa, there are no generic systems as each vehicle has its own unique set of frequencies. There's even a system specifically tuned for that V6 Camaro and one for the latest 662-horsepower Mustang Shelby GT500.

Wow, that was fast.

"If we put all our resources on a project, development time is as fast as 30 days," says Kohrs.

Like most companies that think fast and sweat the small details, a tight development loop and a good product depends on the people.

"(Corsa staff are) energetic, passionate ... most of the people here love what we do ... they're into the whole driving experience."

The systems are made of high-grade stainless steel to last the life of the vehicle and most bolt in with simple hand tools.

Kohrs says that a typical Corsa system for the Chevrolet Corvette — which is a large market — can be installed in just seven minutes. None of this all-day-long business.

It took a little longer for us with Belliveau's Mustang but 30 minutes is still respectable for this axle-back exhaust-system change.

As for power, some basic stopwatch testing averaged 15 sprints in third gear from 3,000-5,500 rpm, before and after the exhaust change. The improvement was about three tenths of a second (8.6 seconds with Corsa versus 8.9 with the stock exhaust).

Regardless of the watch, "It definitely feels stronger," says Belliveau, "and the engine used to rattle and ping a bit ... that's gone."

According to Kohrs, Belliveau is just getting going as the Corsa system really begins to show its worth when intake breathing is improved, either with a cold-air intake or even with a supercharger or turbocharger.

Belliveau has plans for more upgrades but he's still wowed by a system that seems to have defied conventional exhaust wisdom.

There's just one problem. Thanks to Corsa, there are fewer stares from the opposite sex. Well, sort of. "I can't really tell, actually ... I drive by them too fast now."

Quoted

"I love it, it's perfect. It's quiet when it needs to be and no drone at all."

2007 Mustang GT owner Gilles Belliveau reacted positively to the installation of a new Corsa exhaust on his vehicle

With half the job done on the Mustang GT (above) the Corsa muffler on the right is more compact and looks more finished than the stock unit. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE

Quoted

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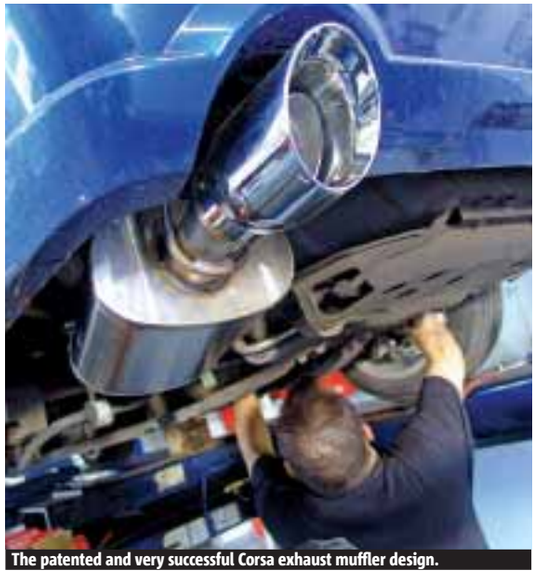
Craig Kohrs, manager of TMG Performance Products
On his staff's dedication to their jobs.

Corsa have also made a muffler exhaust for the once-droning Camaro



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Autopilot. And here's a quartette of automotive stories to back that theory up

AUTO PILOT
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Here are four automotive stories from the past week that all seem to speak to how fast and how slow our world is changing at the same time.

We need to change but for some things we won't — there is this constant struggle: must change versus must not change. Probably a good thing.

Another drive-in goes down

A 58-year-old drive-in theatre in Sharon, Ont., will not make it to its 59th year. Here is an excerpt from the North York Drive In's goodbye message posted on Facebook: "It is with much regret we say goodbye to summer evenings at North York. Technology and conversion to digital projection has made us obsolete and threatens many other independent theatres."

Studios are phasing out the celluloid (or film) format. Theatres with film projector technology are going to have to go digital or go dark. While the family-owned North York Drive In decided against the considerable investment to digital, other drive-ins have made the move and are still alive and well.

Limos disguised as ambulances

The traffic in all the world's major cities keeps getting worse. Apparently the traffic is so bad in Moscow that VIPs are renting special limos to get around — those disguised as medical emergency vehicles. With sirens blazing they are able to get around the gridlock no problem. The ruse was uncovered when one ambulance was pulled over by police for traffic indiscretions and found to be transporting very healthy people in very comfy seating arrangements.

Driving Boom goes silent

A study just released by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group revealed that the post-war Driving Boom is kaput. We always thought "miles travelled per capita" would keep rising forever. But after peaking in 2004 it levelled off and now appears to be levelled off for good. Americans drive no more miles in total today than they did in 2004 and no more per person than they did in 1996. Of course this is due to two demographics duking it out: baby boomers and their voluminous driving habits moving out of the picture, and the millenniums and their stingy driving habits moving more into the picture. Other contributing factors are urbanization, gas prices and less need for commuting in this digital age. The study's authors suggest U.S. legislators might want to rethink plans based on the premise that Americans will keep driving until they drop.

Cool keeps coming

Aston Martin celebrated its 100th anniversary by creating the CC100 Speedster Concept. The "speedster" genre (no top or windshield whatsoever, a race-ready convertible so to speak) was selected to channel the vibe of Aston Martin's most famous racer — the 1959 DBR1. But the old-school vibe is mated to a state-of-the-art carbon fibre body and interior. Like the Aston Martin supercar, the One 77, the CC100's carbon fibre pieces are crafted (by Canadians!) in the big oven at Multimatic, an auto engineering and parts builder based in Markham, Ontario. That's about 30km from the obsolete drive in theatre in Sharon.

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you are honest about what it is you desire then a friend will be honest with you about whether they can give it to you. Even if they can't, they may still be able to put you in touch with someone who can.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It may seem as if you are out of step, logically and emotionally, with those around you. Maybe you are, but what of it? You are entitled to look at life any way you please.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Not everyone cares about what you care about, and why should they? All you need to realize is that one good person — that's you — can make a world of difference.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
The road you're travelling may not be of your own choosing but fate in its wisdom has pushed you in this direction so you would be wise not to fight against it. Worry less and life will be less of a struggle.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Others may be urging you to take a certain course of action but if your instincts tell you it's wrong then it's your instincts you must follow. It doesn't matter that you are unpopular, it matters only that you are right.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Before you get more of what you desire, it might be wise to create space by getting rid of what you no longer need. Why hold on to things you will most likely never use again?

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
What you think is a problem is in fact an opportunity in disguise. When you realize it, your mood will lighten and new opportunities will open up for you. You will soon be smiling.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The situation you face today is the same situation you faced yesterday. So why have you still not resolved it? Come on, you're a Scorpio. You're meant to be smart and decisive!

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be careful what you ask for over the next 24 hours because you are likely to get it, but not in quite the way you expected. Come the eclipse in your sign this weekend, you may even want to give it back again.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It would appear that you are involved in a feud and it is taking up far too much of your time and energy. Whatever it is about, you must get over it quickly. There are more important things to focus on.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't just assume that loved ones know how you feel. Tell them in words that make it impossible for them not to understand. Sometimes you can be a bit too cool.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
At home and at work you will get the chance to do good deeds today. Some of those who need your assistance may not be your favourite people but you'll help them anyway.

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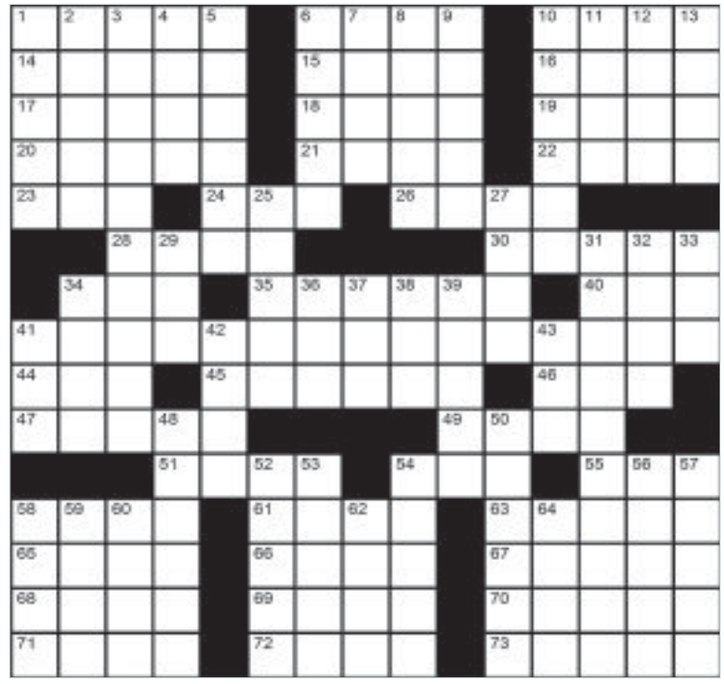
Crossword: Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



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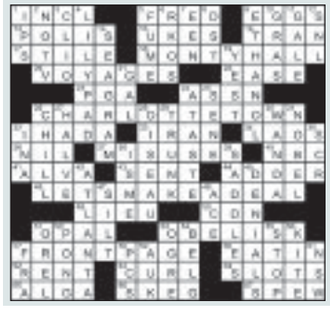
1. Kingly
6. Clump
10. Icy waters danger
14. Cherish
15. Govern
16. Above
17. Frasier's sitcom brother
18. Division
19. Vegas alternative
20. Butcher shop waste
21. Roof's overhang
22. Ms. Barrymore
23. The Big Apple
24. "__ say!"
26. River for Hamburg, Germany
28. Margarine's fancy name
30. Remove the towel from the clothesline
34. Expected
35. Vigorous
40. Charlemagne's domain [acronym]
41. "Sundown" singer/songwriter: 2 wds.
44. Ruler measurements, for short
45. Boil under the collar
46. _ __ Z
47. "__ Magnolias" (1989)
49. Chauffeured car
51. "Thou __ protest too much."
54. Furniture wood
55. Shut out
58. Hoax
61. Clock†time
63. Have _ __ (Be optimistic still)
65. Inca empire's modern home
66. "__ and the King"
67. Big lake in #48-Down, Gitche __
68. Moran of "Happy Days"
69. Bundles of bills
70. Be a war journalist inside a military unit
71. Kaput
72. Gin flavouring
73. Work stations

Down
1. Didn't stop: 2 wds.
2. Spiritually uplift
3. Workplace for Sarnia-born athlete Mike Weir: 2 wds.
4. GTA = Greater Toronto __
5. Regina-born actor Mr. Nielsen
6. Porridge, for Oliver Twist
7. Roman moon goddess
8. Oil source
9. __ nut
10. Sir Robert __ (Canada's 8th Prime Minister)
11. At any time
12. French philosopher/mathematician Mr. Descartes
13. Become a bigger plant
25. Canadians Greene or Michaels
27. "Corner Gas" star, Brent __
29. __ Zeppelin
31. Crashed-in-on snapshots
32. Slangy suffix to 'Stink'
33. Acquire
34. "__ Forget the Lyrics!"
36. Hoagy Carmichael song: "__ Buttermilk Sky"
37. Took the bait
38. "Oh, yuck."
39. Beach trinket
41. Soldiers Joe and Jane
42. European city once called Christiania
43. The Partridges, e.g.
48. Song by #41-Across: "Wreck of the __ Fitzgerald"
50. Pictured
52. Artie and George Bernard
53. Of varied pitch
54. Obliterate
56. Take _ __ (Look at the present ahead of time)
57. Wants
58. Hotfooted it
59. "From __ to Eternity"
60. Vocal variety
62. Take apart
64. Actor Mr. Cronyn

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

9				1		7	8	
	3		9	6		4		
					3			
	5	7				9		8
6								4
4		8				2	3	
			4					
		6		7	8		1	
	2	5		3				6

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	4	3	8	2	9	6	5	7
6	9	2	5	7	1	4	8	3
5	8	7	3	4	6	2	1	9
3	1	6	2	5	8	9	7	4
8	5	4	6	9	7	1	3	2
2	7	9	4	1	3	8	6	5
4	3	5	1	8	2	7	9	6
7	6	1	9	3	4	5	2	8
9	2	8	7	6	5	3	4	1

Weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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